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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 29, 2003, Applicant hereby requests entry of the following election.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group 1, claims 1, 4-10, 19, 28, 29, 31, 35, 45, 58, 68, 78, 88 and 95 drawn to a method for identifying a chronic alcoholic or binge drinker and a computer program product, with traverse. The traversal is made on the grounds that a search and examination of all of the presented claims would not require an undue burden of searching.

Having made this election, Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the non-elected claims in continuing applications.

Respectfully Submitted,

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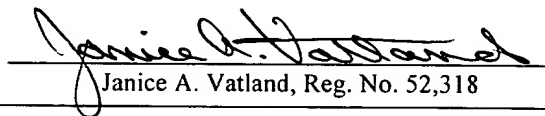
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Before beginning examination of the above-identified application on its merits, please amend the application as follows. This Preliminary Amendment is consistent with the Restriction Requirement election filed herewith.

A check in the amount of \$711.00 is enclosed herewith for additional claims fees. If there is any other fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by the enclosed check, please charge the deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 16 of this amendment.

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